

FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 24, 2010

Those Present: Mr. James E. McClellan, Chairman
Mr. Robert C. Snyder, Board Member
Mr. Charles R. Cline, Board Member
Mrs. Linda B. Thall, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Mr. Harold C. DeLauter, Alcoholic Bev. Inspector
Ms. Kathy L. Vahle, Administrator
Mrs. Sandra Rees, Administrative Specialist IV

A Public Meeting was held at 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, Maryland, and was called to order at 8:30 am by Chairman McClellan.

1. **Letter to Licensees** – Ms. Vahle stated that she would draft a letter to all of the licensees regarding the change in the law for Sunday hours of operation for Class A establishments. Also next year the Liquor Board will not get a license fee for a Sunday Permit for the Class A, Beer and Class A, Beer and Wine. Also the Comptroller's Office issues a Solicitors Permit to wholesalers and manufacturers of wine, beer and liquor. It allows the solicitors to go into our establishments and offer samples of alcohol to the customers. Ms. Vahle was concerned about controlling this and who is responsible. The licensee is responsible if anything happens, however they are not aware of this. They believe it is the responsibility of the Solicitor. This will also be addressed in the letter.
2. **Section 11-403** – A retail dealer holding a Class B or Class C license may not sell any alcoholic beverage at a bar or counter on Sundays. There are a few counties; Carroll County, Garrett County, Caroline County, Anne Arundel County and Baltimore and Washington County that have exemptions to that. Other counties do not follow the law. The Board discussed this and decided not to enforce it at this time.
3. **Posting the License** – The Liquor Inspector has been into several establishments and their licenses were not posted as of May 24, 2010. Ms. Vahle asked the Board what penalty would be appropriate. The Board would like a no-contest letter sent out for the first violation with a fine of \$50. If the license is not posted

within three days, the licensee will be charged with another violation and brought in for a violation hearing.

4. **Frederick Fair Grounds** – Ms. Vahle stated that she has received several complaints about the proposal to allow the Fair to obtain a beer license. She has not heard anything from the Fair regarding this issue. The Board will wait to hear from the Fair Board.
5. **Music Promoter** – Ms. Vahle stated that a music promoter called her and would like to have an event at the Fair Grounds and is asking the VFW to get the license. He asked if the inside oval area at the fair grounds would be enough of a controlled area for beer gardens to be set up. Ms. Vahle asked him to submit his plan so that she could take it before the Board.
6. **Application Fees** – Mr. Cline was concerned about the enforcement costs. Ms. Vahle said she discussed this with the Delegation regarding the new hours, it adds 15 hrs a week of enforcement time for the Liquor Inspector, but no increase in fees.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Vahle, Administrator
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Prepared by Sandra Rees